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Peter Lopez, Regional Administrator
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290 Broadway
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Dear Mr. Lopez:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Township of Belleville, to express out support of the clean up activities of the upper nine miles of the Passaic River. As Third Ward Councilman, which encompasses the Passaic River, this proposed plan is beneficial to the Township of Belleville.

The proposed plan by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, would reduce the traditional remediation schedule for the Passaic River by eight years. The Township of Belleville gladly supports moving this project as quickly as possible. If the project is not moved along, it may lead to further contamination from contaminated sediment in the Passaic River. Moreover, waiting another eight years, for work to proceed, in the upper nine miles, while millions of cubic yards of contaminated sediment are removed in the lower eight miles, does not serve the interest of the citizens of our community. The sooner these areas can be remediated, the better.

We appreciate your time and consideration and urge the US EPA to move forward. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Vincent Cozzarelli,
Third Ward Councilman

cc: Catherine R. McCabe, Commissioner, NJ DEP